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RE: Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

Please consider my comments regarding the proposed stream flow standards and regulations.

I support the proposed regulations to help manage our state's water supply efficiently and effectively. I strongly feel that it done correctly, and will cooperation from all parties, that there is and will be enough water for everyone, human and nature, to use.

However, I am opposed to the Class 4 category. I feel that no river or any part thereof should be left behind and abandoned. Please delete this category from the proposed regulations.

I am aware of the tremendous work that has been done to restore the Quinnipiac River. On any given day I can walk two blocks to Hanover Pond in South Meriden and watch one to two adult bald eagles. They are truly magnificent creatures and have made Hanover Pond one of their hunting grounds. I never thought I'd be able to see our national emblem so up close and personal. And the reason for this is that the Quinnipiac River provides these birds what they need to survive.

I have recently become a member of the QRWA, Quinnipiac River Watershed Association and am chair of the Butterfly and Bee Garden. Actually, the garden is a project that is part of my Master's requirement. It is my intent to bring butterflies and bees to the area to enhance the pollination process. It will be a great asset to the area, along the Quinnipiac River Gorge and Hanover Pond. Maintaining the water flow in the river is crucial to the fish, fowl and fauna as well as for recreational use. I have recently canoed Hanover Pond and the perspective from the water is amazing.

Like many things in life, it's all balance. We CAN balance the needs of nature and humans. We encourage ALL users of the Q River to use it judiciously and with care. That means conservation from water companies, municipalities and well users. That means treating our Quinnipiac River with respect. That means being responsible for our water usage.

Again, I stress that there is enough water for all. I challenge you to make decisions that are beneficial to all involved.

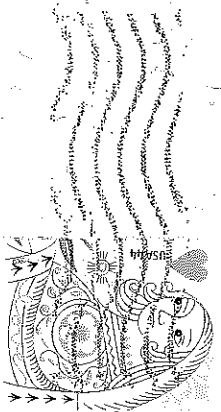
Sincerely,

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